as developing the capability to launch these satellites. The major thrust fcr the space programme for the SO's will be towards utilisation of space technology to its full potential for several spplications of importance to national development. A self-reliant integrated programme with maximum utilisation of industrial infrastructure in the country is planned.

Export of Defence Equipment

2214. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: "Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is considering export of defence equipment to the neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal in this regard has been under Government's consideration;

(c) if so, the number of countries which have requested India fo$_r$ supply of such defence equipment; and

(d) whether any agreement in this regard has been reached with these countries and if so, the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRl CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI); (a) such requests can be considered.

(b) to (d) It will not be in public interest to disclose details.

Recommendations made by the Public Enterprises Selection Board *tor* Selection of officers

2215. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the PRIME MINIST ER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Enterprises Selection Board for the selection of officers of the level of directors of the Boards of Directors of the industrial institutions being run in the public sector, has made some recommendations to the Government;

(b'i if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had made appointments on the basis of these recommendations; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl P. CHIDAM-BARAM): (a) to (d) The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) was reconstituted in March, 1987. The PESB is a recommendatory body. According to the information available the PESB made 202 recommen, dations during the period from April, 1987 to October, 1988 for filling up of posts at Board level positions in Public Sector Enterprises. It may be mentioned in this context that wherever the PESB bad made recommendation twice for the same post during the period in question, the recommendation, which has been accepted by the Government, has been included. Based on these recommendations, appointments to 152 posts have been made by the Govt. Out of the remaining recommendations, 2 have not been accepted by the Government. In 4 cases the posts have been kept in abeyance and as such the recommendations of the PESB have not yet been finally considered. The remaining recommendations of the PESB are under process at various stages in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

गाजियाबाद में केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना का औषधालय

2216. कुमारी सुशीला तिरिया : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गाजियाबाद में केंद्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना का मात्र एक औषधालय है ;

(ख) इसके अंतर्गत आने वाले क्षेत्रों के नाम क्या हैं;

(ग) गाजियाबाद में केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य सेवा योजना के इस औषधालय से लाभान्वित होने वाले केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों तथा पेंशन भोगियों की संख्या कितनी है;

(घ) क्या सरकार गाजियाबाद में केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के और औषधालयों के खोलने का विचार रखती है; यदि हां, तो कब तक तथा जिन क्षेत्रों में ये औषधालय खोले जाने का प्रस्ताव है, उनके नाम क्या हैं ;

(ङ) क्या गाजियाबाद में रह रहे वे सरकारी कर्मचारी, जिनके क्षेत्र गाजियाबाद के इस केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना औषधालयों के तहत नहीं आते हैं, अपने इलाज के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य सेवा योजना के मोहन नगर, गाजियाबाद स्थित औषधालयों से सम्पर्क स्थापित कर सकते हैं; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं तथा ऐसे कर्मचारियों के हितों के लिये सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) इस औषधालय के अंतर्गत निम्नलिखित क्षेत्र आते हैं :—कमला नेहरू नगर, राजनगर, शास्त्री नगर, कवि नगर, लोहिया नगर और नेहरू नगर ।

(ग) इस औषधालय के साथ संलग्न केंद्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों और पेंशनरों की संख्या 4339 है ।

(घ) ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है ।

(ङ) और (च) कद्रीय सरकार के जो कर्मचारी केंन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना द्वारा सेवित क्षेत्रों में नहीं रहते हैं वे केंद्रीय सेवा (चिकित्सा परिचर्या) नियमों के अधीन चिकित्सा सुविधायें प्राप्त कर सकते हैं ।

Drugs Controller of India

2217. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Mnister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Drug Controller of India is responsible for ensuring availability of safe and efficacious drugs, vaccines and cither pharmaceutical products in the country;

(b) if so, what is the infrastructure and facilities available to the Drug Controller of India for required testing of quality of the drugs, vaccines and other bio-medica] products;

(c) whether the infrastructure presently available to the Drug Controller of India is adequate to meet the needs of the country,' and whether Government are considering to strengthen and supplement the quality testing facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) and (b) Drug Controller, India is responsible to ensure that only such drugs and vaccines which are safe and effective are approved for marketing in the country.

The facilities for testing of drugs, vaccines and other biomedical products include the testing infrastructure that are available with Central Drugs Laboratory, Calcutta, Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad, Central Research Institute, Kausali, Indian Veterinary Research Institute, ,Iteatnagar and Bio-engineering Division of the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.

(c) and (d) Compared to the number of manufacturers operating in the country the existing testing facility available with the Drugs Controller, Tndia is not considered adequate. A sub-committee of the Drugs Consultative Committee has worked out